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SONIC GETS INTO A STICKY SITUATION AS THE EVIL PLAX STRIKE BACK

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AN UNDERGROUND CAVERN, BENEATH ONE OF THE NEW ZONES OF PLANET MOBIUS.
HAIL TO YOU, GREAT LEADER. YOU ARE THE ONE OUR LEGENDS PREDICTED WOULD LEAD US TO OUR DESTINY!
YOU ARE THE BRINGER OF ANTI-LIFE! THE HERALD OF THE AGE OF ANDROIDS!

THANKS TO OUR ALIEN TECHNOLOGY YOU ARE ABSORBING THE LIFE ENERGIES OF BOTH MOBIUS AND ITS TWIN PLANET, EARTH.
SOON, BOTH WORLDS WILL BE DEAD HUSKS, READY FOR SEEDING WITH OUR ANDROID LIFE-FORMS! WE PLAN WILL RULE SUPREME!

GAME OVER

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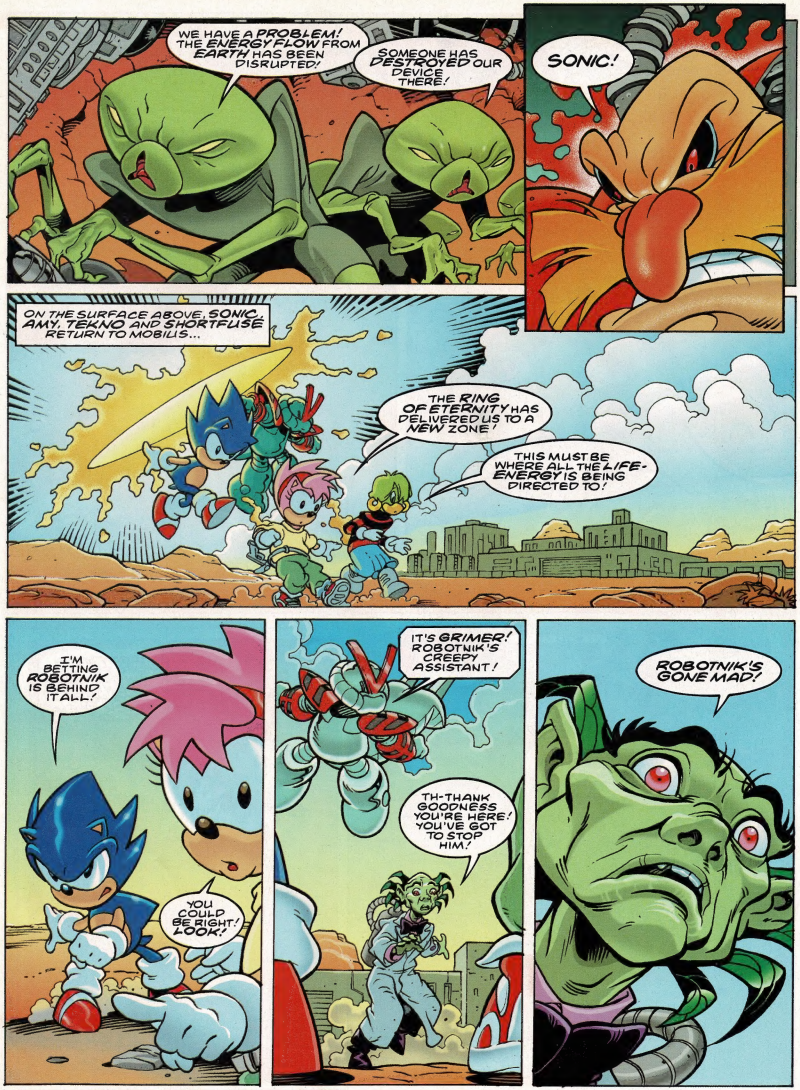
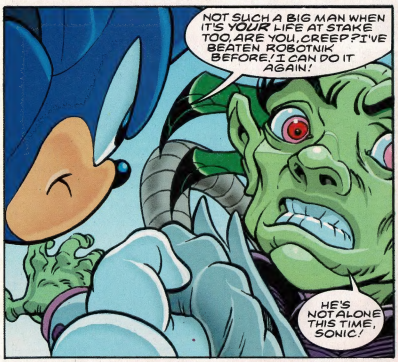
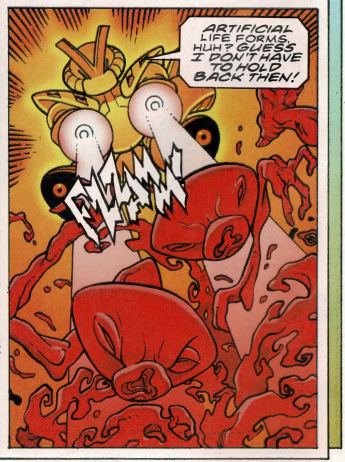

WE HAVE A PROBLEM! THE ENERGY FLOW FROM EARTH HAS BEEN DISRUPTED!
SOMEONE HAS DESTROYED OUR DEVICE THERE!
SONIC!
ON THE SURFACE ABOVE, SONIC, AMY, TEKNO AND SHORTFUSE RETURN TO MOBILIS...
THE RING OF ETERNITY HAS DELIVERED US TO A NEW ZONE!
THIS MUST BE WHERE ALL THE LIFE-ENERGY IS BEING DIRECTED TO!
I'M BETTING ROBOTNIK IS BEHIND IT ALL!
YOU COULD BE RIGHT! LOOK!
IT'S GRIMER! ROBOTNIK'S CREEPY ASSISTANT!
TH-THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE HERE! YOU'VE GOT TO STOP HIM!
ROBOTNIK'S GONE MAD!

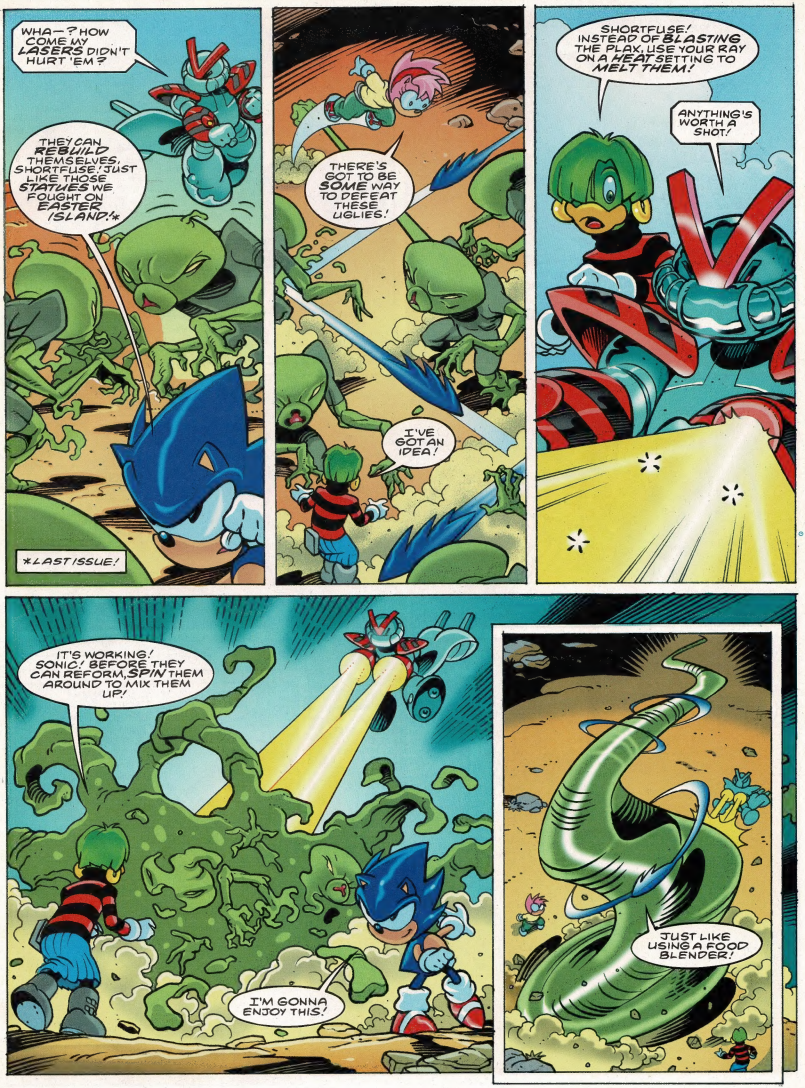
WHAT'S THE GAME, GRIMER? YOU'RE ASKING FOR OUR HELP?
P-PLEASE! I KNOW YOU HAVE CAUSE TO HATE ME, BUT ROBOTNIK'S GONE TOO FAR THIS TIME!
HE WANTS TO DESTROY ALL LIFE!
ME INCLUDED!

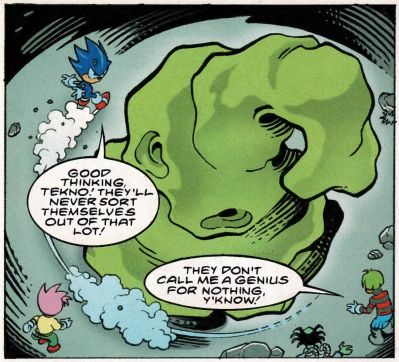

NOT SUCH A BIG MAN WHEN IT'S YOUR LIFE AT STAKE, TOO, ARE YOU, CREEP? I'VE BEATEN ROBOTNIK BEFORE, I CAN DO IT AGAIN!
HE'S NOT ALONE THIS TIME, SONIC!

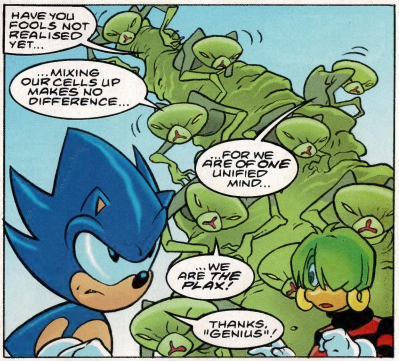
THE PLAX!

YOU KNOW THESE WEIRDOS?
PLASTIC ALIEN ANDROIDS! I HAD A RUN IN WITH THEM ONCE BEFORE!*
* SEE STC NO. 159, BOOMERS!

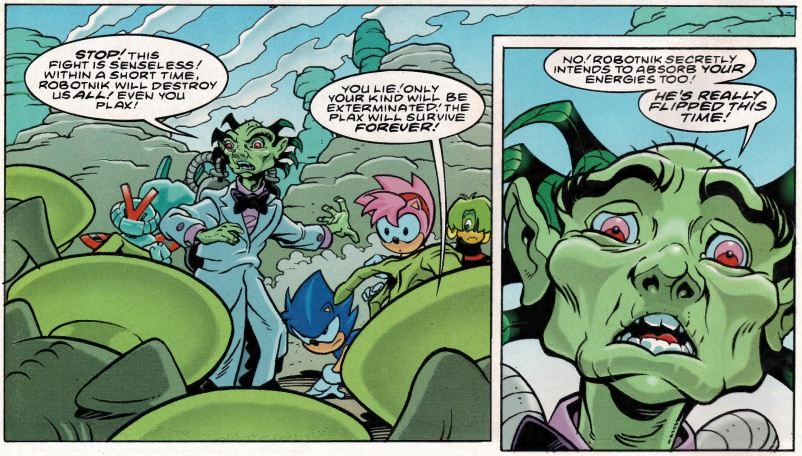

ARTIFICIAL LIFE FORMS, HUH? GUESS I DON'T HAVE TO HOLD BACK THEN!
BLAM!

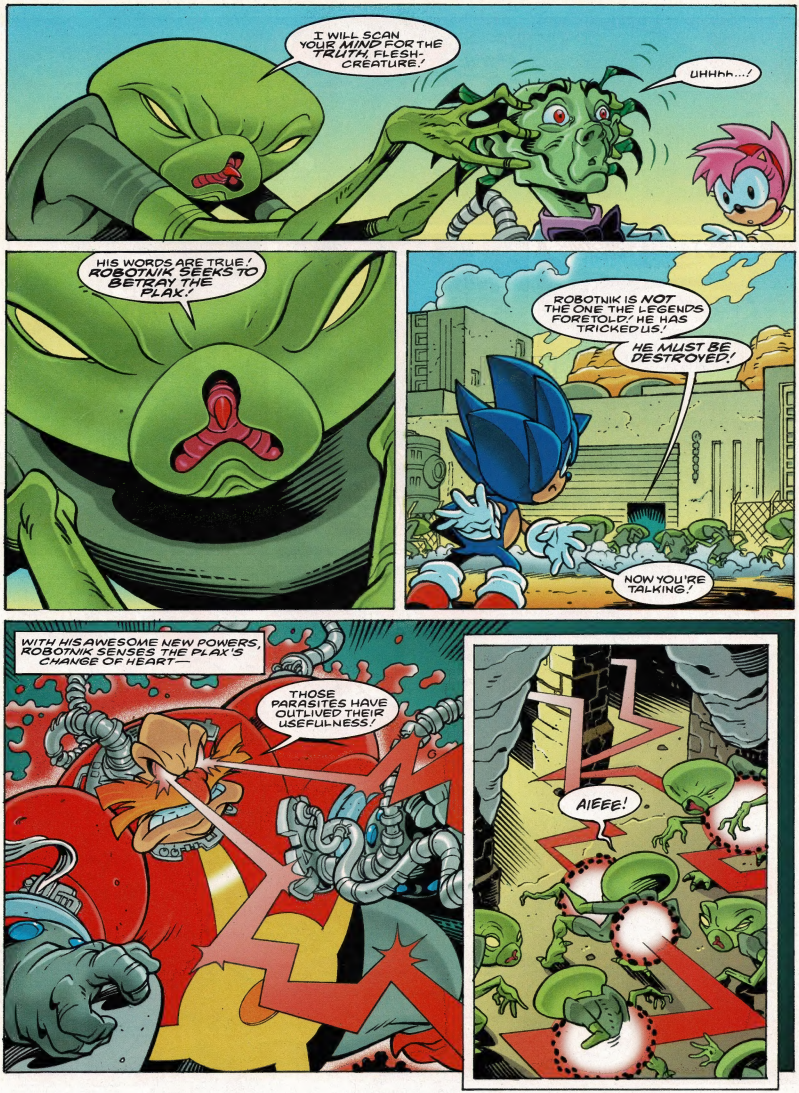

WHA—? HOW COME MY LASERS DIDN'T HURT 'EM?
THEY CAN REBUILD THEMSELVES, SHORTFUSE! JUST LIKE THOSE STATUES WE FOUGHT ON EASTER ISLAND!*
*LAST ISSUE!
THERE'S GOT TO BE SOME WAY TO DEFEAT THESE UGLIES!
I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
SHORTFUSE! INSTEAD OF BLASTING THE PLAX, USE YOUR RAY ON A HEAT SETTING TO MELT THEM!
ANYTHING'S WORTH A SHOT!
IT'S WORKING! SONIC! BEFORE THEY CAN REFORM, SPIN THEM AROUND TO MIX THEM UP!
I'M GONNA ENJOY THIS!
JUST LIKE USING A FOOD BLENDER!


GOOD THINKING, TEKNO! THEY'LL NEVER SORT THEMSELVES OUT OF THAT LOT!
THEY DON'T CALL ME A GENIUS FOR NOTHING, Y'KNOW!


HAVE YOU FOOLS NOT REALISED YET...
...MIXING OUR CELLS UP MAKES NO DIFFERENCE...
...FOR WE ARE OF ONE UNIFIED MIND...
...WE ARE THE PLAX!
THANKS, "GENIUS"!

WHAM!


STOP! THIS FIGHT IS SENSELESS! WITHIN A SHORT TIME, ROBOTNIK WILL DESTROY US ALL! EVEN YOU PLAX!
YOU LIE! ONLY YOUR KIND WILL BE EXTERMINATED! THE PLAX WILL SURVIVE FOREVER!
NO! ROBOTNIK SECRETLY INTENDS TO ABSORB YOUR ENERGIES TOO!
HE'S REALLY FLIPPED THIS TIME!


I WILL SCAN YOUR MIND FOR THE TRUTH, FLESH-CREATURE!
UHHHH...!
HIS WORDS ARE TRUE! ROBOTNIK SEEKS TO BETRAY THE PLAX!
ROBOTNIK IS NOT THE ONE THE LEGENDS FORETOLD! HE HAS TRICKED US!
HE MUST BE DESTROYED!
NOW YOU'RE TALKING!
WITH HIS AWESOME NEW POWERS, ROBOTNIK SENSES THE PLAX'S CHANGE OF HEART—
THOSE PARASITES HAVE OUTLIVED THEIR USEFULNESS!
AIEEE!

AAGHH!
AAIEE!
Gasp!
WHOA! I GUESS ROBOTNIK KNEW A WAY TO FINISH OFF THE PLAX!
HE WON'T GET RID OF ME SO QUICKLY!
NO! THOSE MONITORS SHOW THE EFFECTS OF ROBOTNIK'S LIFE-SUCKING MACHINE ON THE PLANET! GOT TO PUT A STOP TO THIS!
YOU MIGHT FIND THAT A LITTLE DIFFICULT, OLD ENEMY!
THUMM
UGH!
MOBIUS IS DOOMED, AND SO ARE YOU!
SAY GOODNIGHT, SONIC!
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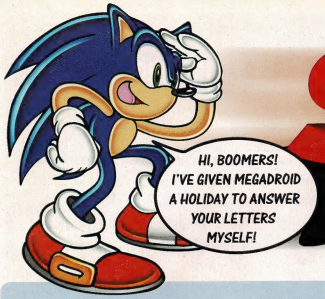


Speed LINES

GOOD SPORTS!

Dear Sonic,
Could you please, *please* put *Speedlines* back in STC?
PS. Me and my mates have got to be the only boys in Britain who don't like football! We're more interested in Sega consoles and, of course, STC!
Ashley Randall, Ipswich.

You want Speedlines? You got it!

THE REAL DEAL!

Dear Sonic,
Please can you tell me how you met Tails? I have a *Sonic* video which says you bumped heads, but STC says you pulled Tails out of some ooze. Which story is right?
Oliver Toolan, Basingstoke.

You can trust STC to tell you the true story, Oliver!

CREATURE FEATURES!

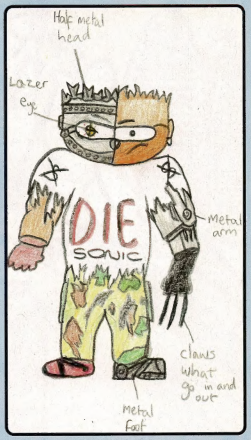
Dear Sonic,
You may remember that way back, a Boomer wrote in to say that Knuckles was ugly. Well, I know people have different opinions, but I think that was going too far!
Please tell him to get a life! This is because:
1) No-one can help how they look;
2) It's Knuckles' own choice, not his; and
3) I haven't seen any plastic surgeons on the Floating Island or Mobius!
James Hadfield, Hitchin.

Hmph! Knuckles seems to think he's pretty good looking - for an echidna!

CYBER-HOG!

Dear Sonic,
I think you should kill off Grimer, so I've drawn a replacement character. Here he is – you can name him!
Kevin Underwood, Cromford.

He certainly looks like bad news! How does "Steelclaw" sound?



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SUPER SONIC!

Dear Sonic,
I want more Super Sonic! I think he was the coolest dude around. Ever since issue 118 I have been listening for Boomers to write in and say something, but I can't find *one* person who wrote in!
I'm shy, so I didn't do anything about it until now, and I am *infuriated!* Please print more Super Sonic strips – otherwise I'll go mad!
S.S. (Super Sonic) Fan, Hemel Hempstead.

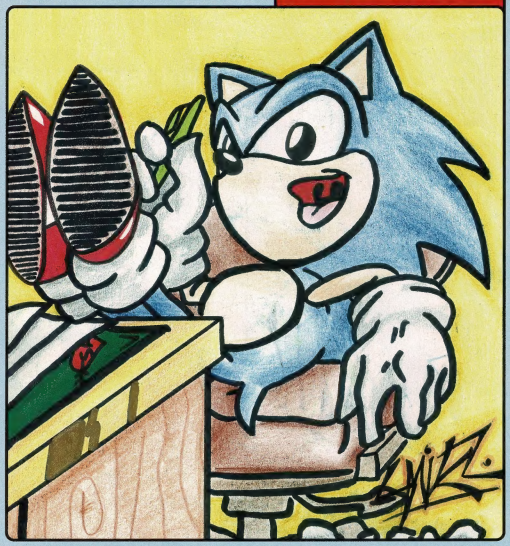
Hey, relax! If more Boomers write in asking for the return of Super Sonic, it'll happen!

KNUCKLE-NAPPED!

Dear Sonic,
Hey, it's my birthday soon so here is what you can get me. I've kidnapped Knuckles, and if I don't get a Knuckles cuddly toy I'll brain-wash him and tell him to destroy the STC office! *Ha ha ha...*
Henry Ellis, Teddington.

Knuckles is alive and well in this issue of STC, so I don't know who you've got there... Must be an impostor!

SONIC IN CHARGE!
Elizabeth "Smiler" Shepherd, Tasmania



FROM MAD TO VERSE!

Dear Sonic,
I've written a poem about the greatest comic I've ever read! Here it is:

STC is the greatest mag around,
In newsagents and shops it can be found.
In this mag there's action and fun,
Just look how fast Sonic can run!
There's Amy, Knuckles, Tails and Tekno too,
Robotnik is the one who we all want to *boo!*
There are stories about the Chaotix Crew
And there are pictures done by you!
It's all about Sonic and he's really cool,
Go and buy it now 'cos STC rules!
Sasa Petrovic, London.

Thanks for the poem, it's pretty fantastic. A letter in rhyme is really quite drastic!

SEEING RED!

Dear Sonic,
I would like to know why Knuckles is red. I've seen real echidnas before but I've never seen one that looks like Knuckles!
Daraca Lehane, Coventry.

That's because the echidnas you saw weren't from planet Mobius!

KNUCKLES™ CARNIVAL NIGHT CONSPIRACY PART 2

Script: Nigel Kitching Art: Richard Elson Lettering: Elitta Fell

RETURNING TO HIS HOME - THE FLOATING ISLAND - KNUCKLES COMES ACROSS A STRANGE NEW CITY CALLED CARNIVAL NIGHT.
KNUCKLES, MY BOY - WE'RE GOING TO MAKE YOU RICH!
HERE HE MEETS THE CITY'S MASTERS... THE MARXIO BROS.*
* SEE STC 134 & 135 FOR THE MARXIOS' LAST APPEARANCE
NOW, JUST HOLD ON! A FEW MOMENTS AGO YOU WERE SHOOTING AT ME!
AN HONEST MISTAKE, PAL--
AFTER ALL, YOU DID BREAK IN HERE... WE THOUGHT YOU WERE A CRIMINAL!
OF COURSE YOU ARE. THAT'S WHY WE'RE CUTTING YOU IN ON THE PROFITS WE'RE GOING TO MAKE FROM CARNIVAL NIGHT CITY.
HEY, DOES THAT A MEAN YOU'RE GONNA START PAYING ME? RIGHT NOW I GET NOTHING!
I AM MASTER OF THE FLOATING ISLAND. I GO WHERE I PLEASE!
THAT MUCH, CHICIO! REMIND ME TO CUT YOUR WAGES!

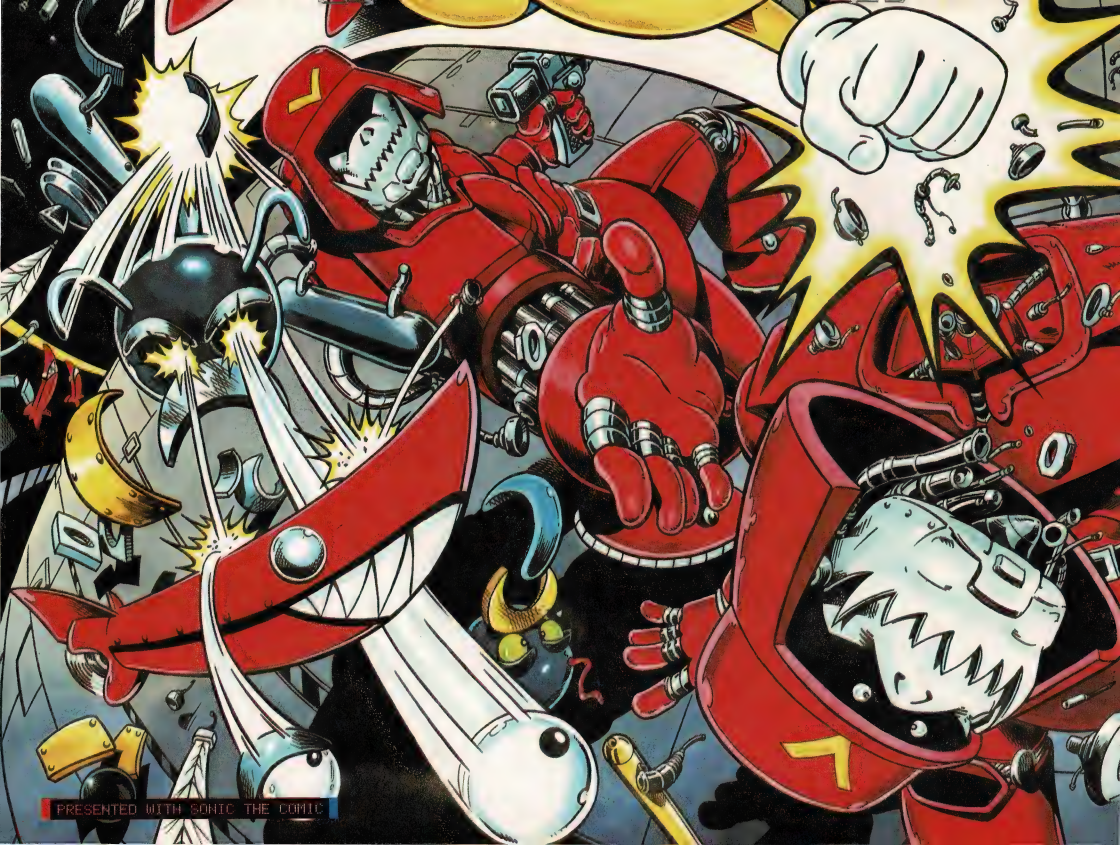
I DON'T WANT YOUR MONEY!
I JUST WANT YOU AND YOUR CARNIVAL NIGHT CITY OFF MY ISLAND!
HEY, DON'T-A BE SO HASTY, KID...
LOOK, YOU'RE WAITING FOR THE RETURN OF YOUR LONG LOST PEOPLE, RIGHT?
WELL, WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO THINK WHEN THEY ARRIVE BACK HERE?
SO?
SEE, KID, THE PLACE IS A MESS!
WITH THE MONEY YOU'LL MAKE FROM CARNIVAL NIGHT CITY, YOU COULD CLEAN IT UP!
MANY OF THESE SITES ARE ANCIENT MONUMENTS... OF COURSE THEY LOOK OLD!..
...ON THE OTHER HAND, I SUPPOSE THE BUILDINGS IN THE MARBLE GARDEN DO NEED A LITTLE WORK...
AT LEAST LET US SHOW YOU AROUND BEFORE YOU MAKE UP YOUR MIND.
WELL, OKAY, BUT NO TRICKS!
GIFT
SHOP

WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK... QUITE A PLACE, EH? THE FIRST CUSTOMERS ARRIVE TOMORROW!
I...I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...
HOT DOG
ROBOTNIK'S SOLDIER BADNIKS! OF COURSE I SAW SOME OF THEM GUARDING THE MAIN GATE!
ROBOT-NIK IS BEHIND ALL THIS, I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED!
HONK! HONK! HONK!
WAIT! YOU'RE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE!
KLANK! KOOOM!
NO I'M NOT. I KNOW ALL ABOUT THE EVIL OF ROBOTNIK!*
KRAKK
*HE LEARNED THE HARD WAY IN STC 148 - 149
TWAKK!
DRAT!

KNUCKLES YOU HOT-HEAD, WILL YOU LISTEN TO ME?
I DON'T LISTEN TO ANYBODY WHO WORKS FOR ROBOTNIK!
LOOK, WE BOUGHT THE BADNIKS OFF ROBOTNIK AS GUARDS, THAT'S ALL... IT JUST SO HAPPENS HIS ROBOTS ARE THE BEST.
WE HAVE NO OTHER DEALINGS WITH HIM!
THEN HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THE FLOATING ISLAND?
EVER SINCE ROBOTNIK FOUND THIS PLACE, WORD'S GOT OUT. THE FLOATING ISLAND ISN'T A SECRET ANY MORE!
JUST GIVE US A CHANCE... THEN, IF YOU STILL DON'T LIKE THE PLACE, WE'LL LEAVE.
YOU CRA-ZEE BOSS, HES-A NEVER GONNA ASK US TO STAY!
I'VE GOT IT!
I KNOW JUST THE THING!

NOT MUCH LATER...
DOES THIS HAVE TO BE SO TIGHT?
DO YOU DARE ENTER HELL HOUSE
LISTEN KID, SOME PARTS OF THE RIDE ARE FAST...THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY!
READY TO ROLL-A, BOSS!
HEY, WHAT'SA BIG IDEA, BOSS? WHAT HAPPENS WHEN KNUCKLES HE FINDS OUT THAT WE DO WORK FOR DOCTOR ROBOTNIK?
MAYBE HE WON'T HAVE TO, CHICO. IMAGINE IF A SUDDEN FAULT SHOULD DEVELOP IN THIS RIDE...
"...THE RESULTS COULD PROVE FATAL!"
HEY... THIS ISN'T BAD!
FWOOOSH!
YEE-HAAAA!
NEXT: WHITE KNUCKLE RIDE!

HEDGEHOG POWER!
RUST IN PIECES, CYBERNIKS!


PRESENTED WITH SONIC THE COMIC

TAILS' AND ERROL'S QUEST TO RESCUE SHIROB, THE MISSING ENCHANTER KING, LOOKS LIKE IT MAY HAVE COME TO AN END...
THE PIT BEAST! HE'S COME FOR ME. SAVE YOURSELVES!
YUM! YUM! YUM!
The Land Beyond Part 3
Tails
NO WAY SHIROB! WE'RE NOT LEAVING YOU!
CHAK! CHAK!
CHINK!
I'VE DONE IT!
WOTCHA DOIN' THERE? DON'TCHA KNOW I'M S'POSED TO EAT HIM?
QUICKLY ERROL... I DON'T THINK THE PIT BEAST LIKES US TAKING HIS SUPPER...

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I CAN'T FLY AND CARRY *BOTH* OF YOU...
WHERE WOULD YOU FLY TO? WE'RE IN A PIT, REMEMBER?

WE'LL HAVE TO TRY AND MAKE IT TO THE TUNNEL, *THIS WAY!*

THOSE TWO CREEPS JUST TOOK MY DINNER... AND THAT MAKES ME...

...MAD!
GROWWWWW!

QUICKLY, WE'LL BE SAFE IN HERE!

LOOK, EVEN *I* CAN TELL WE'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE IT! ONE OF US WILL HAVE TO *FIGHT* THE BEAST!
TAILS..?
NO TIME TO ARGUE, *RUN FOR IT!*

GRAAAAA!!
OH BOY... I WISH SONIC WAS HERE!
YEEE-OWW!
KRUMP!
OW! OW! OW!
I'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE...
TAILS! YOU MADE IT!
YES, THANKS TO A BIT OF AMAZING LUCK!
FOLLOW ME. I'LL HAVE US OUT OF THESE TUNNELS AND BACK TO THE DIMENSION BRIDGE IN NO TIME.

YOU KNOW TAILS, I'M SURE WE'RE HEADING DEEPER UNDERGROUND AND NOT BACK TO THE SURFACE...
WELL, SHIROB HAS BEEN HELD PRISONER HERE FOR YEARS AND HE SEEMS SURE OF THE WAY.
OKAY BOYS, *DROP* THE SWORDS!
IT'S A TRAP!
I DON'T GET IT SHIROB. DON'T YOU *WANT* TO BE RESCUED?
NO TAILS, I MOST CERTAINLY DO *NOT* WANT TO BE RESCUED...
...AND CAN WE DROP THIS SILLY 'SHIROB' STUFF?
NOWADAYS I PREFER TO BE KNOWN BY A DIFFERENT NAME!
TROGG!
NEXT : *OUT-FOXED!*

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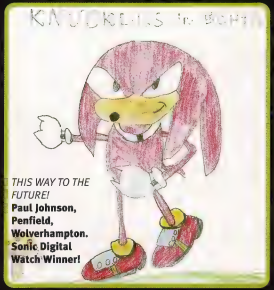

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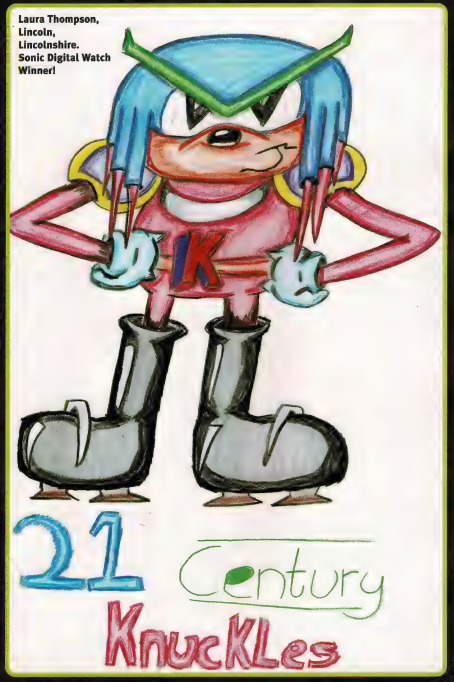

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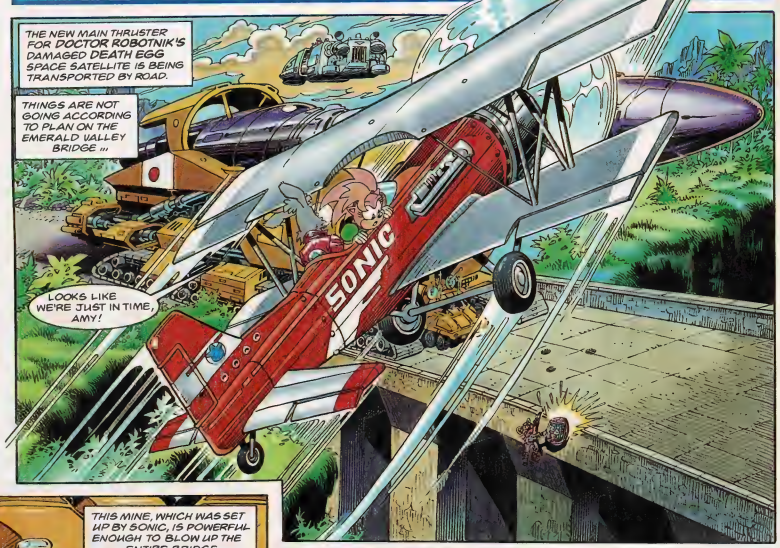
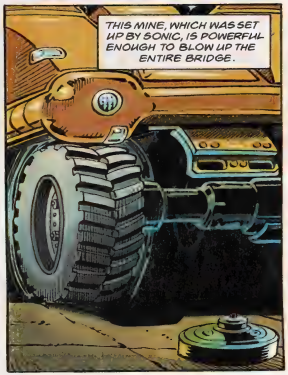
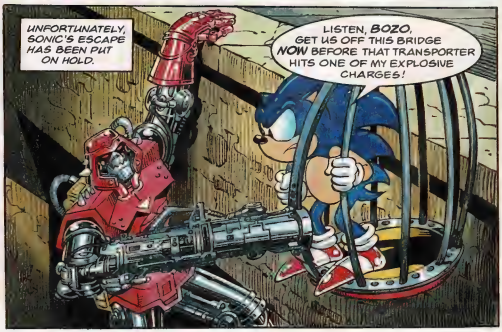

THE NEW MAIN THRUSTER FOR DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S DAMAGED DEATH EGG SPACE SATELLITE IS BEING TRANSPORTED BY ROAD.
THINGS ARE NOT GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN ON THE EMERALD VALLEY BRIDGE !!!
SONIC
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE JUST IN TIME, AMY!




UNFORTUNATELY, SONIC'S ESCAPE HAS BEEN PUT ON HOLD.
LISTEN, BOZO, GET US OFF THIS BRIDGE NOW BEFORE THAT TRANSPORTER HITS ONE OF MY EXPLOSIVE CHARGES!

STOP THE TRANSPORTER! THAT'S AN UNAUTHORISED AIRCRAFT!
SKKRRRR!
YOU CANNOT ESCAPE, HEDGEHOG! I AM CONSTRUCTED FROM A NEW SUPER STRONG ALLOY, WHICH NOT EVEN YOU CAN COMBAT!
IS THAT RIGHT, BUCKET-HEAD!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
FWSHHHH!
LOOK, PALSIE, IF I CAN'T BREAK THIS CAGE ...
I'LL JUST HAVE TO UNSCREW MY WAY OUT!
CLANG!
HAH! DID YOU FORGET THAT YOU'RE HUNDREDS OF FEET FROM THE GROUND!

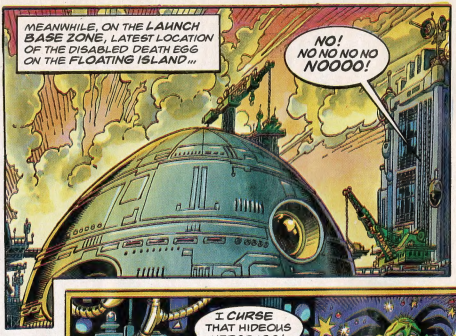
GREAT TIMING, JOHNNY.
I SHOULD'VE BEEN A STUNT-HEDGEHOG!
COO-EE, SONIC!
SONIC
CHECK THE AREA FOR EXPLOSIVES!
RATS! THEY'VE FOUND MY MINES!
JOHNNY, I'LL HAVE TO GO BACK DOWN!
OH, STOP DROOLING, AMY, AND PASS ME THE TOOL KIT!
TOOL KIT?
BE CAREFUL, YOU'VE SUCH A FEARLESS STREAK!
SONIC
IS THERE A HIGH-PITCHED ECHO AROUND HERE!

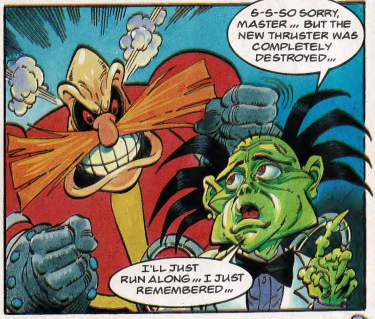
I MUST GET THIS RIGHT FIRST TIME— THEY'VE ALMOST MOVED THE TRANSPORTER ACROSS THE BRIDGE!
SONIC! GET HIM!
BUT I CAN HARDLY SEE HIM!
WHAT'S HE UP TO NOW?
ONCE UPON A TIME THIS WHEEL NUT HELD YOUR TRANSPORTER'S WHEELS ON...
KRRRSSSSH!
...WHICH MEANS THAT YOU CREEPS ARE GOING NOWHERE— FAST!
THEN IT'S JUST AS WELL I ORDERED REINFORCEMENTS AS SOON AS YOUR AIRCRAFT WAS SPOTTED!

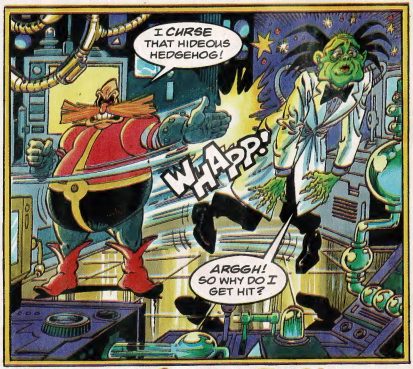
I COULD POLISH OFF ALL YOU BADNIKS WITH ONE HAND TIED BEHIND MY BACK! BUT RIGHT NOW THERE'S THIS LITTLE DEATH EGG THRUSTER TO ATTEND TO!
KRAKK!
KRAKK!
KRAKK!
GO, JOHNNY, GO!
I WASN'T EXPECTING SONIC TO JUMP AGAIN... I'M NOT SURE I CAN GET TO HIM!
RIGHT TIME, RIGHT PLACE, LITTLE BUDDY!
CAN'T YOU SIGNAL BEFORE YOU JUMP?
HEY, BUT THAT WOULDN'T BE ANYWHERE NEAR AS COOL!
AMY, LOOK IN THE BACK FOR YOUR BOW!
SURE THING, SONIC!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HOLD STEADY, JOHNNY...
ONIC
"I'M NOT CALLED 'AIM' FOR NOTHING!"
HUH?
ZIIP!

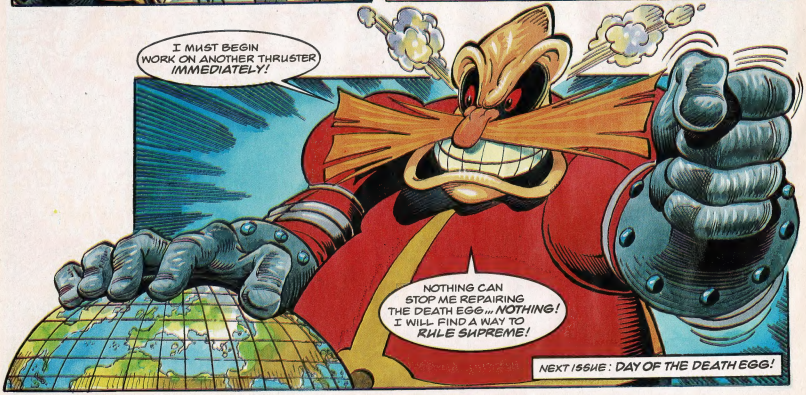
TRUST THOSE MINDLESS BADNIKS TO KEEP YOUR MINES WHERE WE COULD SEE THEM!
Y'KNOW, AMY, IT PAINS ME TO SAY THIS, BUT YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD WITH THAT BOW!
SHAME CUPID'S SHOTS AREN'T ACCURATE THOUGH, SONIC!
KRAK-A-BOOOOM!

GET OUT OF HERE, JOHNNY...


MEANWHILE, ON THE LAUNCH BASE ZONE, LATEST LOCATION OF THE DISABLED DEATH EGG ON THE FLOATING ISLAND...
NO! NO NO NO NO NOOOO!


S-S-SO SORRY, MASTER... BUT THE NEW THRUSTER WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED...
I'LL JUST RUN ALONG... I JUST REMEMBERED...


I CURSE THAT HIDEOUS HEDGEHOG!
WHAP!
ARGGH! SO WHY DO I GET HIT?


I MUST BEGIN WORK ON ANOTHER THRUSTER IMMEDIATELY!
NOTHING CAN STOP ME REPAIRING THE DEATH EGG... NOTHING! I WILL FIND A WAY TO RULE SUPREME!
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